

**PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS SECTION
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
TUESDAY APRIL 18, 2000**

PRESENT: Tracy Benzel, Wayne Lindgren, Patrick McGuire, and Jerry Tyler

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall and Jan Neitzel

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by Tracy Benzel. A quorum of 4 members was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Wayne Lindgren, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2/29/00 & 3/7/00)

MOTION: Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Wayne Lindgren, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Marlene Cummings

Secretary Cummings was not available.

Alfred Hall reported that a Board Member Workshop will be held July 13-14, 2000. All board members are invited.

Alfred Hall, Bureau Director

- Board Roster/2000 Meeting Dates

Bill Black, attorney, added his e-mail address to the roster.

- Regulatory Digest

Alfred Hall explained that the purpose of the Regulatory Digest is to inform those in the professions of information related to their profession.

- Applications Reviewed

One application was reviewed in closed session and voted on in open session.

- To-Pass Folder

The To-Pass Folder was circulated and duly noted.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The wetland scientists legislation was not passed in the last legislative session and will need to be resubmitted in the next session.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UPDATE

Definition of Supervision

The definition of supervisor has been written, but has not been inserted in an administrative rules draft.

The Section agreed that the supervision requirement is adequate now, but may need to be changed in the future.

Alfred Hall will forward the definition of supervisor to the Joint Committee Administrative Rules.

SECTION ACTIVITY

Process of Application Review

- Acceptable Work Experience

Alfred Hall reported that the scope statement relating to the experience requirement has been sent to the Rules Clearinghouse. A public hearing will be held May 23, 2000, at the Hydrology Section meeting.

Alfred Hall explained the rulemaking process.

Alfred Hall reported the applications for the grandfather phase are almost completed.

The Section discussed informing the public of the date for the first fundamentals exam and the importance of informing the public of the licensing requirement.

Judy Mender stated that no applications for the fundamentals exam have been received.

Pat McGuire

MOTION: Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Wayne Lindgren, to thank Dr. Pat McGuire on behalf of the Soil Science Section of the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologist, and Soil Scientists expressing its highest appreciation to Dr. McGuire for his leadership as Chair of the Section during its first year. Motion carried unanimously.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

None.

PRACTICE ISSUES

None.

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

Screening Panel

Alfred Hall explained the purpose of the screening panel and the process of screening cases.

Alfred Hall will supply the orientation information to the screening panel members, Tracy Benzel and Wayne Lindgren.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council of Soil Science of America will meet the week of November 6, 2000, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The contact person is Annie Engebretson.

The Section discussed writing and publishing two soil science guides. Tracy Benzel will work on a consumer guide and Jerry Tyler will work on a student guide. Pat McGuire will write the job description of a professional soil scientist. The Section will review the guides at the next meeting and Alfred Hall will make any changes on the "lap-top" computer.

The Section discussed having the guides available on the internet.

Alfred Hall will send a copy of the sample guides to all the Section members.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Wayne Lindgren moved, seconded by Jerry Tyler, to convene the meeting in Closed Session pursuant to Sections 19.85(1)(a), (b), and (f), Wis. Stats., to consider the licensing or discipline of a person licensed by the Department or the investigation of charges against such a person. Specifically, to discuss the issue of case status reports, a Class 1 hearing, and an application review. Motion carried by roll call vote: Wayne Lindgren-yes; Patrick McGuire-yes; E. Jerry Tyler-yes; and Tracy Benzel-yes.

Closed Session convened at 10:55 a.m.

The Board deliberated on a Class 1 hearing, and an application review.

Final voting on these issues was conducted in Open Session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Wayne Lindgren moved, seconded by Jerry Tyler, to reconvene the meeting in Open Session at 12:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

CLASS 1 HEARING

Ayad Taofik (Green Bay, Wi.)

Alfred Hall explained that written documentation is needed for any added information submitted for review from Mr. Taofik.

MOTION: Wayne Lindgren moved, seconded by Pat McGuire, to withhold the decision for 10 days to allow receipt of additional documentation acceptable to the Section, including course description in the internship (92-93, course # 797) and thesis outline (97-98, course # 799 and 98-99, course # 799). The Section noted any educational requirements met after 1/1/1994 would make Mr. Taofik ineligible for meeting the non-statutory provision in section 64(3)(a) 2.d. The Section delegates Jerry Tyler to review the additional information for action on behalf of the Section. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Robert Schaefer

MOTION: Wayne Lindgren moved, seconded by Pat McGuire, to approve licensure of Robert Schaefer as a professional soil scientist. Motion carried unanimously.

SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS DEFINED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

MOTION: Jerry Tyler moved, seconded by Wayne Lindgren, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.